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BOARD APPROVES \$45.4 MILLION FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES AT MLK AND HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTERS

Early equipment purchases will keep projects on a timely completion schedule

LOS ANGELES –Advance purchases of \$45.4 million to provide equipment and services for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. and Harbor-UCLA Medical Centers were approved today by the Board of Supervisors, ensuring the timely completion of much-anticipated projects and vital health services each will offer to County residents.

The Board authorized the County's Department of Public Works (DPW) to execute an early purchase of electrical and mechanical equipment for MLK Medical Center, not to exceed \$10.6 million.

The early purchase agreement will ensure timely completion of the Inpatient Tower (IPT) Renovation and Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC)/Ancillary Projects at MLK Medical Center within the current project schedule and represents an important step toward the completion of the MLK Hospital campus which will create approximately 8,250 jobs during its development cycle.

The lead time for purchasing the electrical equipment, which includes elevators, electrical switch gear, and generators, is approximately six months. Services currently being offered by the MLK-MACC and the Hawkins Inpatient Psychiatric building will remain operational during construction.

An important vote by the Board on establishing a Local Hiring Program for the MLK-MACC and buildings surrounding the renovation of the IPT was postponed

until October 5, 2010. The vote will be open to the public.

In a separate vote, the Board also approved the budgeted amount of \$34.8 million for the County's Internal Services Department (ISD) to purchase medical equipment and related installation services for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Surgery/Emergency Replacement Project.

The fixed medical equipment will include radiology equipment, CT scanners, sterilizers, and a neurosurgical navigation system.

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